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In Re the Application of:

JIE NI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/124,642

Filed: July 29, 1998

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
SYNCHRONIZING A NETWORK LINK**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

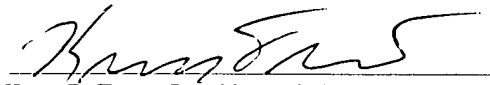
In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a three (3) months month extension of time, extending the period for response to January 31, 2002, from the Office Action dated July 31, 2001. The petition filing fee of \$920.00 and the Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

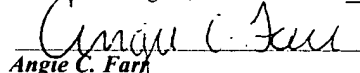
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